MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No recommendation was made to reduce the amount.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the name of the Dewan Peishkar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Government had any idea of the nature and extent of the damage done when they sanctioned the amount of Rs. 300?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It was sanctioned for the purpose of giving immediate relief. No detailed estimate as to the extent of the damage or the amount required was furnished to the Government. It was intended for immediate relief to the distressed people.

Recruitment of Ezhavas as Munsiffs.

97. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Ezhavas are treated as a separate community in the matter of direct appointment of Munsiffs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member when the Ezhavas were treated as a separate community?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question, Sir.

Classification of Muslims for recruitment as Munsiffs.

98. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Muhammadan community is classed separately or among the "miscellaneous" in the matter of recruitment as Munsiffs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is classed with the "miscellaneous" group.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the rank—

PRESIDENT: A bit louder, please. The chair has to hear you to find out whether the question is admissible or not.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the rank of the Muslim community among the "miscellaneous" group?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rule says that every alternate appointment in the "miscellaneous" group will go to a Brahmin. There is no rank for the other communities of that group.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the reason why the Muslim community is classed among the "miscellaneous" group?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Compared with the communities which have been shown separately, namely, Christians, Ezhavas and Nairs, the Muslims, from the point of view of population, must be considered as a minority community; and

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